GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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RESTRUCTURING OF FCI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have conducted any study to revamp and restructure the FCI ;

(b) if so, the steps taken to plug loopholes and contain leakages in the transportation and storage of foodgrains;

(c) whether some steps have been taken to remove corruption and make FCI economically viable and self supporting;

(d) whether there is a proposal to privatize some godowns of FCI; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b): A study has been commissioned by the Government through the Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad to arrive at ways and means to reduce the economic cost of acquisition and distribution of foodgrains by FCI.The study report is under examination. No separate study has been conducted to revamp and restructure the Food Corporation of India, as such.

(c),(d)&(e): FCI has a separate Vigilance Division with adequate staff and infrastructure at the Headquarters as well as in field offices. Efforts to curb corruption are made regularly.

FCI which operates in accordance with the directions of Government of India in areasrelating to procurement and distribution of foodgrains, receives budgetary support from the Government of India.

At present, there is no proposal to privatise any godown of FCI.